

PATENT

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	Docket No.: 23632-002
Dazhi CHEN et al.)	Confirmation No.: 3675
Serial No.: 09/461,336)	Examiner: Bryan J. Jaketic
Filed: December 15, 1999)	Group Art Unit: 3627
For: System and Method for Reducing Exc	ESS CAP	PACITY FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

APR 2 1 2004

GROUP 3600

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the

Serial No. 09/461,336 Docket No.: 23632-002

merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurs first. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c).

These documents were cited by the U.S. Patent Office in co-pending Application Serial No. 09/580,546, filed May 30, 2000, in a Notice of Allowability dated January 21, 2004. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2). No fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS, GLOVSKY and POPEO, P.C.

James G. Gatto

Registration No.: 32,694

12010 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 900

Reston, Virginia 20190 Telephone: (703) 464-4800 Telefax: (703) 464-4895

Telefax: (703) 464-4895

Attorney for Applicants

Dated: April 21, 2004



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION

 Docket Number
 Application Number

 23632-002
 09/461,336

 Applicant(s)
 Dazhi CHEN et al.

 Filing Date
 Group Art Unit

 December 15, 1999
 3627

Form PTO-1449

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE		NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATI
	Α	6,477,503	11/05/2002	Mankes		705	5	
								_
				-				
				-				
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					-R	ECEI\	/ED	
					, ,			
						APR 2 1	004	
				-				
				 	G	₹OUP	3600	
				 			ļ	
							ļ	
	<u> </u>							

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

						Translation	
REF	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	YES	NO
В	WO 00/60517	10/12/2000	International				
С	WO 00/72113	11/30/2000	International				
D	WO 01/22321	03/29/2001	International				
 1		-					

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	-	

EX	7	Ň	m	v	c

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.